SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

9-33-B. <u>Administrative Penalty Under Part B: Agency Representation in the Hearings</u>, Negotiating and Signing of Consent Agreements and Appeals

1. **AUTHORITY.**

- a. To represent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in civil penalty adjudications conducted under the penalty section of Part B of the Safe Drinking Water Act and 5 U.S.C. section 554;
- b. To negotiate consent agreements between the EPA and respondents resulting from such enforcement actions; and
- c. To represent the agency in appeals from administrative determinations.
- 2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Associate regional counsel for Enforcement.
- 3. **LIMITATIONS.** These authorities may be exercised only for cases initiated by the Region.
- 4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to attorneys in assigned cases.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. SDWA § 1414(g) (1) and (3).
- b. SDWA § 1445.
- c. 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

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